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1. At about 10 a.m. on 21 January 1951, about 1,500 troops, organized into units of about 100 each, assembled in the barracks yard of Wald Kaserne III which is located in Rathenow (N 53/2 15) on the highway to Semlin. The troops assembled to hear a radio-transmitted ceremony commemorating the anniversary of Lenin's death.

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2. Documents found at Wald Kaserne III included 10 letters written by the wife of a worker in Tula, addressed to her son, a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]. The letters were written during the period from 19 July to 24 August 1950 and examined by Censorship Offices [REDACTED]. The following is an excerpt from a letter dated 24 August 1950:

"Every evening we are thinking of you and wonder what you are doing. The fall and the winter will pass and so will the three years of your service until, one day in the fall, we will meet again. Your period of service with our army will be extremely useful for your further life, since military service grants the soldiers education and possibilities for many-sided development, thanks to the care of Party and Government for the servicemen.... Lenin used to say that it is necessary again and again to improve one's knowledge, a maxim the truth of which you may have realized for yourself. Certainly your education was disrupted by Hitler. He shall be damned. During these years we had to live in the Ural Mts, you a boy of thirteen, had to work with father in the factory to help the front beat the enemy..... You are a good boy, clean, faithful, honest, and a worthy Comsomol. Your former superiors still remember you kindly. We hope that you may improve further during your time of service....." \*

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3. No weapons training and no troops marching out for field training were observed at Wald Kaserne I and Wald Kaserne II near the northern railroad station of Rathenow. \*\*
4. The barracks installation on Ziethenstrasse was still occupied by a headquarters unit and a signal unit. Signal troops were seen at telephone communications training in the billeting area. \*\*
5. The repair shop at the intersection of Ebertring and Langestrasse was still in operation. \*\*
6. The former Schuetzenhaus (riflemen's clubhouse) was used as an officers' mess and motion picture theater. \*\*\*

25X1A [REDACTED] has been repeatedly reported from Rathenow and belongs to an unidentified unit of the 6th Arty Div.

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Compared with previous observations, the present report indicates no change in the occupation of the installations mentioned.

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\*\*\* [REDACTED] The utilization of the Schuetzenhaus was reported for the first time.

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